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**ILLEGAL ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF FALSE DOCUMENTS AND  
ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JULIO FRANCISCO CASTRO**, age 24, of 508 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, pled guilty to being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm and possession of forged identification documents.

The maximum potential penalties are 25 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to 3 years.

**Castro** admitted that on August 3, 2006, he possessed two firearms and false identification documents. The criminal complaint provides additional details about the offense: During the search of his residence, a loaded Ruger .45 caliber pistol was located underneath the mattress in the front bedroom of the apartment. **Castro** stated the firearm belong to him and stated he had another firearm in the bedroom. Law enforcement officers returned to the bedroom and located an unloaded Ruger, .357 magnum revolver and a partial box of .45 caliber ammunition underneath the dresser. Officers located several false identification cards in the apartment.

**Castro** stated he purchased both firearms from a flea market in Georgetown, Kentucky. He paid \$300 for the .357 revolver and \$350 for the .45 caliber pistol. **Castro** stated he also purchased

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a box of .45 caliber ammunition. **Castro** also stated he was illegally in the U.S. and had been in the U.S. for about 8 years. **Castro** admitted the identification and social security cards found in the apartment were fake.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Warren County Drug Task Force, Bowling Green Police Department and Western Kentucky University Police Department.

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Castro** is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on April 2, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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